JS 44 (Rev. 08/18)

CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS JENNA-JO BIONDINO				DEFENDANTS BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL AUTHORITY operating as BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL and KIMBERLY CARON					
(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Bucks (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)				County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Bucks (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY) NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.					
(c) Attomeys (Firm Name, Jonathan J. Russ	Address, and Telephone Number	2r)		Attorneys (If Known)					
	Davis, PC, PO Box								
Doylestown, PA 1	8901-1306; P: 215-	348-2088							
II. BASIS OF JURISD	ICTION (Place an "X" in C	One Box Only)		TIZENSHIP OF P	RINCIPA	L PARTIES			
☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff	3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)				TF DEF	Incorporated or Pri		or Defende PTF 4	lant) DEF
☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant	☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizensh	ip of Parties in Item III)	Citize	en of Another State	2 🗇 2	Incorporated and P of Business In A		D 5	□ 5
				en or Subject of a reign Country	3 🗇 3	Foreign Nation		5 6	□ 6
IV. NATURE OF SUIT	(Place an "X" in One Box Oi	nly)	1.0	reign Country	Click	here for: Nature o	f Suit Code De	scription	15.
CONTRACT		DRTS		ORFEITURE/PENALTY		KRUPTCY		STATUT	ES
☐ 110 Insurance ☐ 120 Marine ☐ 130 Miller Act ☐ 140 Negotiable Instrument ☐ 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment	PERSONAL INJURY ☐ 310 Airplane ☐ 315 Airplane Product Liability ☐ 320 Assault, Libel & Slander	PERSONAL INJUR' 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability 367 Health Care/ Pharmaceutical Personal Injury		25 Drug Related Scizure of Property 21 USC 881 10 Other	☐ 423 Witho 28 U	SC 157	☐ 375 False Claims Act ☐ 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a)) ☐ 400 State Reapportionment ☐ 410 Antitrust ☐ 430 Banks and Banking		ment
☐ 151 Medicare Act ☐ 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans) ☐ 153 Recovery of Overpayment	☐ 330 Federal Employers' Liability ☐ 340 Marine ☐ 345 Marine Product Liability	Product Liability 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability PERSONAL PROPER	TY	LABOR	New ☐ 840 Trade	t - Abbreviated Drug Application mark SECURITY	☐ 450 Commer ☐ 460 Deportat ☐ 470 Racketed Corrupt ☐ 480 Consum	rce tion er Influenc Organizati er Credit	ced and
of Veteran's Benefits 160 Stockholders' Suits 190 Other Contract 195 Contract Product Liability 196 Franchise	☐ 350 Motor Vehicle ☐ 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability 360 Other Personal Injury ☐ 362 Personal Injury -	☐ 370 Other Fraud ☐ 371 Truth in Lending ☐ 380 Other Personal Property Damage ☐ 385 Property Damage Product Liability	□ 72 □ 74	0 Fair Labor Standards Act 0 Labor/Management Relations 0 Railway Labor Act 1 Family and Medical	☐ 861 HIA (☐ 862 Black ☐ 863 DIW(☐ 864 SSID ☐ 865 RSI (←	Lung (923) C/DIWW (405(g)) Title XVI	☐ 485 Telephon Protection ☐ 490 Cable/Sa ☐ 850 Securition Exchang ☐ 890 Other Sta	on Act at TV cs/Commo ge atutory Act	odities/
REAL PROPERTY	Medical Malpractice CIVIL RIGHTS	PRISONER PETITION	<u>₹</u> 5 🗇 79	Leave Act 0 Other Labor Litigation	FEDERA	L TAX SUITS	☐ 891 Agricult ☐ 893 Environ		atters
☐ 210 Land Condemnation ☐ 220 Foreclosure ☐ 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment ☐ 240 Torts to Land ☐ 245 Tort Product Liability ☐ 290 All Other Real Property	☐ 440 Other Civil Rights ☐ 441 Voting ☐ 442 Employment ☐ 443 Housing/ Accommodations ☐ 445 Amer. w/Disabilities -	Habeas Corpus: 463 Alien Detainee 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence 530 General 535 Death Penalty	- 79	I Employee Retirement Income Security Act	☐ 870 Taxes or De ☐ 871 IRS—	□ 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) □ 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609 □ 899 Adminis Act/Rev		of Inform	nation ocedure
	Employment ☐ 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other ☐ 448 Education	Other: 540 Mandamus & Othe 550 Civil Rights 555 Prison Condition 560 Civil Detainee - Conditions of Confinement		2 Naturalization Application 5 Other Immigration Actions			□ 950 Constitu State Sta		ıf
	noved from	Remanded from C Appellate Court	J 4 Reins Reop		r District	☐ 6 Multidistri Litigation Transfer	-	Multidis Litigatio Direct Fi	on -
VI. CAUSE OF ACTIO	N 42 U.S.C. Section Brief description of ca	1983		o not cite jurisdictional state		ersity):	-		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:		IS A CLASS ACTION		EMAND \$ >\$75,000	Cl	HECK YES only i	f demanded in	complair	
VIII. RELATED CASE IF ANY	C(S) (See instructions):	JUDGE			DOCKE	Γ NUMBER			
DATE 03/25/2024		signature of att s/Jonathan J. R		F RECORD					
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY RECEIPT # AM	IOUNT	APPLYING IFP		JUDGE		MAG. JUDO	GE		

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

DESIGNATION FORM(to be used by counsel or pro se plaintiff to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to the appropriate calendar)

Address of Plaintiff:	3075 Chandler Drive,	Morrisville PA 19067				
Address of Defendant: 610 Wist	tar Rd., Fairless Hills PA 19030 a	and 228 Grove St., Morrisville PA 19067				
Place of Accident, Incident or Transac	of tor Transaction: 610 Wistar Road, Fairless Hills PA 19030					
RELATED CASE, IF ANY:						
Case Number:	Judge:	Date Terminated:				
Civil cases are deemed related when Yes is	answered to any of the following questions:					
Is this case related to property included previously terminated action in this co	d in an earlier numbered suit pending or within ourt?	one year Yes No				
Does this case involve the same issue opending or within one year previously	of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a terminated action in this court?	prior suit Yes No				
	nfringement of a patent already in suit or any expear previously terminated action of this court?					
4. Is this case a second or successive habe case filed by the same individual?	eas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civi	vil rights Yes No 🗸				
this court except as noted above.		ow pending or within one year previously terminated action in				
DATE: 03/25/2024	s/Jonathan J. Russell Attorney-at-Law / Pro Se Plain	ntiff				
	/шо/пеј-че-ман / / го во г	шу жилен тоо су другиште,				
CIVIL: (Place a √ in one category only)						
A. Federal Question Cases:	B. Diversi	ity Jurisdiction Cases:				
1. Indemnity Contract, Marine Control 2. FELA 3. Jones Act-Personal Injury 4. Antitrust 5. Patent 6. Labor-Management Relations 7. Civil Rights 8. Habeas Corpus 9. Securities Act(s) Cases 10. Social Security Review Cases 11. All other Federal Question Cases (Please specify): 42 U.S	2. A 2. A 3. A 4. M 5. M 6. O 7. Pr 8. Pr 9. A	nsurance Contract and Other Contracts Airplane Personal Injury Assault, Defamation Marine Personal Injury Motor Vehicle Personal Injury Other Personal Injury (Please specify):				
1	ARBITRATION CERTIFIC The effect of this certification is to remove the case					
ı,Jonathan J. Russell	, counsel of record or pro se plaintiff, do here					
Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exc	\S 3(c) (2), that to the best of my knowledge an clusive of interest and costs:	nd belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case				
Relief other than monetary damage	es is sought.					
DATE: 03/25/2024	s/Jonathan J. Russell	66337				
. NOTE: A trial de novo will be a trial by jury only	Attorney-at-Law / Pro Se Plaint if there has been compliance with F.R.C.P. 38.	tiff Attorney I.D. # (if applicable)				
NOTE: A IDM OCHOVO WILLOUGH OF THE POST	Il ulcie nas been compilance man					

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM

215-348-2088	215-348-7069	irussell@dhdlaw.com			
Date	Attorney-at-law	Attorney for Plaintiff			
03/25/24	s/Jonathan J. Russell	Jonathan J. Russell, Esq.			
(f) Standard Management	- Cases that do not fall int	o any one of the other tracks.	(X		
commonly referred to a	s complex and that need s	tracks (a) through (d) that are pecial or intense management by ailed explanation of special			
(d) Asbestos – Cases invol exposure to asbestos.	ving claims for personal in	njury or property damage from	()		
(c) Arbitration – Cases req	uired to be designated for	arbitration under Local Civil Rule 53.2.	()		
	requesting review of a deep requesting plaintiff Social Sec	ecision of the Secretary of Health urity Benefits.	()		
(a) Habeas Corpus – Cases brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 through § 2255.					
SELECT ONE OF THE I	FOLLOWING CASE MA	NAGEMENT TRACKS:			
plaintiff shall complete a C filing the complaint and ser side of this form.) In the designation, that defendant	Case Management Track Days a copy on all defendants event that a defendant do shall, with its first appear arties, a Case Management	elay Reduction Plan of this court, counse esignation Form in all civil cases at the times. (See § 1:03 of the plan set forth on the representation of the plaintiff regarding rance, submit to the clerk of court and servit Track Designation Form specifying the ssigned.	ne o verse said ve on		
ting as BUCKS COUNTY TECH	•	NO.			
v. (S COUNTY TECHNICAL SCH	OOLAUTHORITY :				
JENNA-JO BIO	ONDINO :	CIVIL ACTION			

FAX Number

E-Mail Address

(Civ. 660) 10/02

Telephone

DRAKE, HILEMAN & DAVIS, P.C.

By: Jonathan J. Russell, Esquire Attorney I.D. No. 66337 Suite 15-Bailiwick Office Campus P.O. Box 1306 Doylestown, PA 18901 (215) 348-2088

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

JENNA-JO BIONDINO :

3075 Chandler Drive

Morrisville, PA 19067 : Civil Action No.

:

V.

BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL : SCHOOL AUTHORITY :

operating as BUCKS COUNTY
TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

610 Wistar Road :

Fairless Hills, PA 19030 :

:

and :

:

KIMBERLY CARON : 228 Grove Street :

Morrisville, PA 19067-1235 : DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

COMPLAINT

PARTIES

- Plaintiff, Jenna-Jo Biondino, is an adult individual who resides at 3075 Chandler Drive,
 Morrisville, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.
- 2. At all times material herein, Plaintiff, Jenna-Jo Biondino, was a student at Bucks County

 Technical High School, located at 610 Wistar Road, Fairless Hills, Bucks County,

 Pennsylvania.

- 3. At all times material herein, Defendant, Bucks County Technical School Authority operating as Bucks County Technical High School, is and was a public school within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- Defendant, Kimberly Caron, is an adult individual who resides at 228 Grove Street,
 Morrisville, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.
- 5. At all times material herein, Defendant, Kimberly Caron, was a secondary teacher employed by Defendant, Bucks County Technical School Authority operating as Bucks County Technical High School.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 6. Paragraphs one (1) through five (5) herein are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth at length.
- 7. Federal jurisdiction is invoked under 28 U.S.C. §1331 and §1343 (1988), involving a Federal question pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1983, relating to the deprivation of Plaintiff's right to bodily integrity under the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.
- 8. Venue is appropriate in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 9. Paragraphs one (1) through eight (8) herein are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth at length.
- 10. On May 23, 2022, Plaintiff, Jenna-Jo Biondino, a then, seventeen-year-old student was enrolled in the Emergency Medical Services program at Bucks County Technical High School.

- 11. At all times relevant hereto the Defendants, Bucks County Technical School Authority operating as Bucks County Technical High School and Kimberly Caron, had a policy, practice tradition and/or custom of having the students enrolled in the Emergency Medical Services program engage in impact weapons training with batons and punch paddles.
- 12. At all times relevant hereto, the Pennsylvania State Police has classified "batons" as a "weapon" albeit a "less-lethal weapon."
- 13. At all times relevant hereto, Defendants provided students in general and Plaintiff in particular with batons and punch paddles to engage in "sparring" with one another.
- 14. At all times relevant hereto, Defendants instructed students in general and Plaintiff in particular to hold the baton with both hands while another student was instructed to strike the baton holding student with punch paddles.
- 15. At all times relevant hereto, Defendants provided no hand or finger protection for those students engaged in weapons training.
- 16. At all times relevant hereto, there was no rational reason to have students enrolled in the Emergency Medical Services program to be trained in the use of impact weapons.
- 17. At all time relevant hereto, the Defendants' policy makers knew of the policy, acquiesced to it, and disregarded the foreseen problems, of compelling minor students to "spar" with one another using impact weapons and punch paddles.
- 18. At all times relevant hereto, the policy, practice, tradition and/or custom of Defendants in having minor children "spar" with one another using impact weapons and punch paddles was known to create a foreseeable danger of which the Defendants were aware.

- 19. At all times relevant hereto, Defendants affirmatively implemented a dangerous weapons training exercise, which encouraged, facilitated or authorized students to engage in "sparring" with one another, using baton weapons and punch paddles.
- 20. On May 23, 2022, pursuant to this policy, practice and/or custom of Defendants, Plaintiff, Jenna-Jo Biondino, was instructed, compelled and directed to "spar" with a fellow student using impact weapons and punch paddles.
- 21. On May 23, 2022, while instructed, compelled and directed to "spar" with a fellow student using the baton weapon and punch paddles, Plaintiff, Jenna-Jo Biondino's left hand was struck, causing serious injuries thereto.
- 22. As a result of the actions of the Defendants, and/or the failure of the Defendants to perform the duties they were legally obligated to perform, Plaintiff, Jenna-Jo Biondino, has suffered severe and permanent injuries, including, but not limited to, a displaced fracture of her left small finger, requiring open-reduction and internal fixation, with accompanying nerve damage and permanent limitations.
- As a result of the actions and/or inactions of the Defendants, Plaintiff, Jenna-Jo Biondino, has in the past and may in the future be required to obtain medical treatment for her injuries.
- 24. As a further result of the actions and/or inactions of the Defendants, Plaintiff, Jenna-Jo Biondino, has been unable to engage in her usual and customary activities.

COUNT I

JENNA-JO BIONDINO v. BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL AUTHORITY OPERATING AS BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL AND KIMBERLY CARON

VIOLATIONS OF 42 U.S.C.A. § 1983 STATE CREATED DANGER

- 25. Paragraphs one (1) through twenty-four (24) herein are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth at length.
- 26. At all times material hereto, the Plaintiff possessed a liberty interest in her bodily integrity which was, and is, protected by the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.
- 27. The actions of the Defendants under the color of state law, as more fully described herein, deprived the Plaintiff of her liberty interest in her bodily integrity in violation of 42 U.S.C.A. §1983.
- 28. At all times material hereto, the Defendants, Bucks County Technical School Authority operating as Bucks County Technical High School and Kimberly Caron, knew or should have known, that the practice of allowing children in general and Plaintiff, Jenna-Jo Biondino, in particular, to "spar" with other children while using impact weapons and punch paddles could and would result in a severe injury to the Plaintiff, that was foreseeable and direct.
- 29. Defendants were aware and on notice of the risk of harm they created with their actions.
- 30. At all times material hereto, Defendants acted with willful disregard for Plaintiff's safety, by implementing, facilitating, encouraging and compelling conduct that was dangerous, in that it carried with it an unusual serious risk of harm.

- 31. At all times material hereto, Defendants had actual knowledge or at least willful blindness to the elevated risk of danger that they created by implementing, facilitating, encouraging and compelling sparring between students using impact weapons and punch paddles.
- 32. Defendants' conduct in implementing, facilitating, encouraging and compelling sparring between students using impact weapons and punch paddles demonstrated a deliberate indifference, conscious disregard and willingness to ignore a foreseeable risk of injury that shocks the conscience.
- 33. At all times material hereto, the sparring exercise as designed using an impact weapon and punch paddles served no legitimate and reasonable teaching purpose for students in the Emergency Medical Services program, but was instead conducted for the reckless amusement or playful wantonness of the teachers and some students without any rational relationship to scholastic edification.
- 34. At all times material hereto, Defendants failed to take steps to address the known and serious risk of injury that they created, facilitated and implemented.
- 35. As a student in the Emergency Medical Services program, Plaintiff belonged to an identifiable class of persons, which the Defendants made vulnerable to a foreseeable injury
- 36. At all times material hereto, the Defendants, Bucks County Technical School Authority operating as Bucks County Technical High School and Kimberly Caron, used the color of their authority to implement, facilitate, encourage and compel minor children to "spar" with each other using impact weapons and punch paddles.

- 37. This authority to implement, facilitate, encourage and compel minor children to "spar" with each other using impact weapons and punch paddles created an opportunity that otherwise would not have existed for this injury to occur.
- 38. Defendants, through their affirmative actions of implementing, facilitating, encouraging and compelling minor children to "spar" with each other using impact weapons and punch paddles, placed the Plaintiff in danger of injury.
- 39. As a result of the actions of the Defendants, Plaintiff, Jenna-Jo Biondino, has suffered severe and permanent injuries, including, but not limited to, a displaced fracture of her left small finger, requiring open-reduction and internal fixation, with accompanying nerve damage and permanent limitations.
- 40. Solely because of the conduct of Defendants as aforesaid, Plaintiff, Jenna-Jo Biondino, has been in the past and may in the future be obligated to spend sums of money for medical attention in an endeavor to treat said injuries, together with other financial damages and losses.
- 41. As a further result of the actions and/or inactions of the Defendants, Plaintiff, Jenna-Jo Biondino, has been unable to engage in her usual and customary activities.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that judgment be entered in favor of the Plaintiff and against the Defendants, Bucks County Technical School Authority operating as Bucks County Technical High School and Kimberly Caron, in an amount in excess of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00), together with attorneys fees and costs, as well all other relief the court deems just and appropriate.

COUNT II

JENNA-JO BIONDINO v. BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL AUTHORITY OPERATING AS BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

VIOLATIONS OF 42 U.S.C.A. § 1983 POLICY PRACTICE OR CUSTOM

- 42. Paragraphs one (1) through forty-one (41) herein are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth at length.
- 43. At all times material hereto, the Defendant, Bucks County Technical School Authority operating as Bucks County Technical High School, through its Board of Directors and administration approved curriculum demonstrating a deliberate indifference to Plaintiff's overall health, safety and welfare by allowing students to utilize impact weapons as well as punch paddles in the classroom setting.
- 44. At all times material hereto, the Defendant, Bucks County Technical School Authority operating as Bucks County Technical High School, through its Board of Directors and administration approved of and authorized the purchase of impact weapons, as well as punch paddles, for use in the classroom setting.
- 45. At all times material hereto, the Defendant, Bucks County Technical School Authority operating as Bucks County Technical High School, through its Board of Directors and administration failed to provide adequate instruction and training to its teachers in the use of impact weapons, as well as punch paddles, for use in the classroom setting.
- 46. Defendant's conduct in approving a dangerous curriculum; purchasing dangerous weapons; and failing to provide adequate teacher instruction associated with both,

- demonstrates a policy, practice, tradition and/or custom of deliberate indifference to Plaintiff's overall health, safety and welfare.
- 47. Defendant's official policy, practice and custom inflicted harm to the Plaintiff.
- 48. As a result of the actions of the Defendant, Plaintiff, Jenna-Jo Biondino, has suffered severe and permanent injuries, including, but not limited to, a displaced fracture of her left small finger, requiring open-reduction and internal fixation, with accompanying nerve damage and permanent limitations.
- 49. Solely because of the conduct of Defendant as aforesaid, Plaintiff, Jenna-Jo Biondino, has been in the past and may in the future be obligated to spend sums of money for medical attention in an endeavor to treat said injuries, together with other financial damages and losses.
- 50. As a further result of the actions and/or inactions of the Defendant, Plaintiff, Jenna-Jo Biondino, has been unable to engage in her usual and customary activities.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that judgment be entered in favor of the Plaintiff and against the Defendant, Bucks County Technical School Authority operating as Bucks County Technical High School, in an amount in excess of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00), together with attorneys fees and costs, as well all other relief the court deems just and appropriate.

Respectfully Submitted,

DRAKE, HILEMAN & DAVIS, P.C.

By: s/Jonathan J. Russell
Jonathan J. Russell, Esquire
Suite 15, Bailiwick Office Campus
P.O. Box 1306
Doylestown, PA 18901
Attorney for Plaintiff